

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

July 22, 2014

On January 17, 2014, Governor Brown issued a drought emergency proclamation following three critically dry years in California. Extreme drought now covers nearly 80 percent of the State and these conditions will likely continue into the foreseeable future.

On July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a resolution of emergency regulations for water conservation. The proposed emergency regulations include: (1) prohibitions of certain water uses; (2) order all urban water suppliers to implement mandatory conservation measures according to their existing regulations and for agencies that do not have such regulations in place, the regulations requires agencies to limit outdoor watering to two days per week; and (3) requires urban water suppliers to report monthly their per capita water use to the SWRCB. The regulations will go into effect on August 1, 2014, except for the monthly reporting of per capita use, which will become effective on October 15, 2014.

The County of Los Angeles can play an important role, by reducing water use at its facilities and in assisting local water supply agencies in implementing the SWRCB regulations.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Executive Officer to implement the regulations for water conservation adopted by the SWRCB by August 1, 2014, except in the case of health or safety needs or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency, and report back in 30 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that that the Board instruct the Director of Public Works to review the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts' existing rules and regulations and recommend to the Board needed actions to implement the SWRCB regulations, and report back in 30 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board instruct the Director of Public Health to review the existing County Water Wasting Ordinance and make the necessary changes to reflect the adopted SWRCB regulations for water conservation, and report back in 30 days.

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